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1. (Secret - GLC) In a short meeting with Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine), I gave her the essential facts concerning new information on Soviet ICBM silos and the Moscow ABM system. I told the Senator we thought she would want this information prior to hearing the testimony of Defense witnesses this week and offered to have Mr. Duckett give her a detailed briefing at her earliest convenience. The Senator said she had wanted to contact us for a briefing last week, but just had been unable to arrange it. She expressed her thanks for the information and said she would be in touch with us about a briefing in the next few days.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.), called and said that on his recent trip to Denver he had questioned Colorado State tax authorities on the matter of exemption of CIARDS annuities under the State tax statutes. The tax people told Kendrick the Colorado law was specific in exempting only Federal Civil Service Retirement annuities and had to be strictly construed to exclude CIARDS and Foreign Service annuities. Kendrick said he planned to prepare a letter for the Senator's signature to the State tax authorities on the subject. I suggested that he press the issue on the ground that such an interpretation was discriminatory in its application against other Federal civil retirees who had retired under retirement programs comparable to the Civil Service Retirement Act. Kendrick said he would do this, but he feels this is a matter which will probably require amendment to the Colorado tax statutes.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Vince Rakestraw, Legislative Assistant to Senator William B. Saxbe (R., Ohio), visited the Agency for lunch. He expressed interest in the type of legislation which concerns the Agency and we briefed him on the nature of CIARDS amendments and problems on legislation like the Ervin bill and the Case resolution on the subject of international agreements. We will provide Rakestraw with a copy of our package outlining the problems which the Ervin bill poses for us.

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4. (Confidential - JMM) George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called to report on his problem with Senator Symington regarding control of sensitive material provided by the Agency.

5. (Confidential - JMM) Assistant Secretary of State (Congressional Relations) Abshire's office explained that he had been completely preoccupied with a flap created by Representative McCloskey's allegation regarding the U.S. role in Laos and thus had been unable to make a date for tomorrow with Chairman Mahon or Chairman Ellender.

6. (Secret - JMM) Talked with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, about our problems with legislation to put the Radios under a private corporation. He saw no insurmountable objections to getting such legislation passed before the end of the fiscal year provided all concerned agree on this objective. He noted that we might have a little more time since the Defense appropriation bill probably won't pass the House until late July, and until then the Radios could be financed under a continuing resolution for the first part of July.

7. (Unclassified - RW) Dale Sutherland, in the office of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), called to request a map called Administrative Atlas of Communist China.

8. (Secret - JMM) On Saturday morning (17 April) Dorothy Fosdick, of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to say the Senator was returning from the West Coast that afternoon and would like a briefing on recent developments regarding Soviet weapons sometime Sunday in preparation for Armed Services Committee hearings beginning Monday when John Foster, Dr. York, Dr. Penovsky and others were scheduled to testify. Accordingly, Mr. Duckett and I met with Senator Jackson and Miss Fosdick Sunday afternoon and Mr. Duckett brought the Senator up-to-date on new Soviet ICBM silos, renewed work on the Moscow ABM system, etc.

Senator Jackson said he thought we should make certain that Senators Stennis and Margaret Chase Smith, of the Armed Services Committee, also have this information.

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9. (Confidential - JMM) This morning called James Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who confirmed that he had passed the above information re the new Soviet ICBM silos, renewed work on the Moscow ABM system, etc., on which he had been briefed by Mr. Duckett on 16 April, to Chairman Stennis but he had not briefed Senator Margaret Chase Smith. He suggested we arrange to brief Senator Smith directly.

10. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Jerome S. Adlerman, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, Senate Committee on Government Operations, who gave me a brief rundown on the Committee review of narcotics traffic in the Far East. Although they have a continuing interest, their last publication on this point is in the hearings of August 1964. I thanked Mr. Adlerman for the information.

11. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed with him some of the considerations relating to the RFE/RL appropriations problem. It is Mr. Preston's opinion that the Committee would have little difficulty with a separate appropriation to a semi-governmental organization which was formed to channel funds to activities such as RFE/RL. It is his feeling, however, that legislation establishing such an organization could well get a rough time going through the Congress and particularly the Senate at this time.

While I was with Mr. Preston, he asked if the Agency was familiar with a Marine Corps budget justification item that includes Marine Corps personnel detailed to the Central Intelligence Agency. Bob Foster, at DOD, had called Mr. Preston for advice before releasing the justification paper. I told Mr. Preston I would check the matter and be back in touch as soon as possible. Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, has been advised.

12. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Victor Smioldo, Acting Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and delivered the Agency's response to Chairman Hanley's letter concerning upcoming hearings on the constitutional rights of Federal employees. Mr. Smioldo advised that Representative Hanley (D., N.Y.) is not expected back before tomorrow and that our letter would be forwarded on to him at that time.

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13. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Mr. Ralph Burr, Legislative Reference Service, OMB, about the status of departmental reports on S. 596, the Case bill dealing with international agreements. He said that OMB had received reports from the National Security Council and State but not Defense and that the Administration would oppose the bill. In response to his inquiry, I told Mr. Burr that while we did not want to get out in front on the bill, we do have serious problems with State's suggestion that intelligence agreements might be made available to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and we would prefer the more explicit objection to the bill which we understand will be in Defense's proposed report. Mr. Houston was advised.

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